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Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services/financing of the Procurement Task Force

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services[1] and the related notes by the Secretary-General;[2] the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the inspection of the programme and administrative management of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia[3] and the related note by the Secretary-General,[4] the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the activities of the United Nations Thessaloniki Centre for Public Service Professionalism,[5] the report of the Secretary-General on the Procurement Task Force[6] as well as the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the activities of the Procurement Task Force[7] and the related note by the Secretary-General,[8] the report of the Secretary-General on the resource requirements for procurement investigations[9] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[10]

1. *Takes note* of the reports on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services[1] and the related notes by the Secretary-General,[2] the report of the

[1] A/61/264 (Part I) and Add.1; and A/62/281 (Part I) and Add.1.
[2] A/61/264 (Part I)/Add.2; and A/62/281 (Part I)/Add. 2.
[3] A/61/61.
[4] A/61/61/Add.1
[5] A/62/176.
[6] A/61/603.
[7] A/62/272.
[8] A/62/272/Add.1.
[9] A/62/520.
[10] A/62/7/Add.15.

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Office of Internal Oversight Services on the inspection of the programme and administrative management of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia[3] and the related note by the Secretary-General,[4] the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the audit of the activities of the United Nations Thessaloniki Centre for Public Service Professionalism,[5] the report of the Secretary-General on the Procurement Task Force[6] and the report of the Secretary-General on the resource requirements for procurement investigations;[9]

2. *Regrets* the piecemeal manner in which the investigations-related issues contained in these reports have been presented to the General Assembly for its consideration;

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[10] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

4. *Decides* to conduct an overall review of the capacity of the Investigations Division of the Office of Internal Oversight Services by 30 June 2008, and that the review will include, inter alia, the activities of the Procurement Task Force;

5. *Notes* the ad hoc nature of the Procurement Task Force and, in accordance with regulations 7.6 and 7.7 of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, requests the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to request the Board of Auditors to conduct an audit of the activities of the Task Force for the period from 1 January 2006 to 30 June 2007, including its compliance with established transparency and accountability measures of the Organization and the Office of Internal Oversight Services, and to report thereon separately at the main part of its sixty-third session;

6. *Decides* to revert to the consideration of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the activities of the Procurement Task Force[7] and the related note by the Secretary-General[8] at its first resumed sixty-second session;

7. *Recalls* its resolutions 61/275 and 61/279, both of 29 June 2007, and decides to revert to the consideration of the report on the overall review of the capacity of the Investigations Division of the Office of Internal Oversight Services at its first resumed sixty-second session;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the report referred to in paragraph 7 above to the attention of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations.